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TRA TAKES LEGAL ACTION TO PREVENT CUT-OFF OF NATURAL GAS TO RED BOILING SPRINGS, TENNESSEE

This morning the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) filed a petition in the Macon County Chancery Court asking the court to appoint a receiver to take over the operations of RBS Gas Utility, Inc. (RBS). In addition, the TRA sought and obtained a temporary restraining order preventing the termination of gas service to the citizens of Red Boiling Springs on May 6, 2006.

RBS provides service to approximately 215 residential and business customers and 1 industrial customer, Nestle Waters North America, in the City of Red Boiling Springs, Macon County, Tennessee.

Atmos Energy Marketing (AEM), an affiliate of Atmos Energy Corporation, supplies RBS with natural gas. On April 21, 2006, AEM issued a Notice of Cancellation, which stated its intent to terminate gas deliveries to RBS on Saturday, May 6, 2006 for non-payment. After investigating all available options to avoid the termination of natural gas service, the TRA decided to take legal action and filed the necessary papers this morning.

“The TRA is committed to fulfilling its duty to keep natural gas flowing to the citizens of Red Boiling Springs,” stated Chairman Ron Jones. “Consumers should not bear the severe consequences of the termination of natural gas service resulting solely from the mismanagement and monopoly nature of the public utility serving their community.”

Although there should be no change in natural gas service to RBS customers, customers can call the TRA’s Consumer Services Division at 1-800-342-8359 and press 2 if they have questions or complaints.

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